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Letter dated 27 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward a letter from Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea, dated 27 March 2012, in connection with the recent armed attack against Eritrea (see annex).

I would be most grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Araya **Desta**
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As will be recalled, Eritrea has repeatedly clarified, through numerous letters, its views and perspectives in regard to the resolutions adopted against it by the Security Council as well as to the myriad failings of the "Monitoring Group". All these submissions have been duly circulated as documents of the Council.

This present submission is, however, different in substance from the issues cited above. But it is a continuation and an integral part of our latest petition addressed to the Security Council through our letter of 15 March in connection with, and in response to, the cynical public statement issued by the authorities in Addis Ababa to "legitimize" the illegal and provocative attacks perpetrated against Eritrea at the time.

That this grave development, and other similar violations and breaches of the rule of law carried out in earlier times, have occurred through the financing, operational guidance and diplomatic cover of the United States Administration and its intelligence agencies is well known indeed. Furthermore, these acts of destabilization have not been confined to Eritrea only but extend to the region as a whole. In the event, one would have expected the Security Council to be seized of these grave issues as a matter of paramount priority. The disconcerting feature of this reality is the fact that the culpable party is the very country that wields immense influence in the Council.

We hold the United States Government for responsibility in this and previous illegal attacks perpetrated against Eritrea, not for propaganda consumption. Nor is this driven by far-fetched inferences based on "conspiracy theories". Our accusation is firmly rooted in hard facts and evidences. In this respect, we request the Security Council to form an independent, transparent and accountable inquiry body to investigate and ascertain the validity of our case so that it may take appropriate remedial measures.

(*Signed*) Isaias **Afwerki**